

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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(Garrett - 12)

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G-T-B-009  
N. R. FIELD SHEET

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: 'The Log Church'			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Our Father's House			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: Md Rte #135 (north side, east of Altamont, foot of Backbone Mtn)			
CITY OR TOWN: Altamont-Wilson			
STATE: Maryland		CODE	COUNTY: Garrett
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>			
Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
No: <input type="checkbox"/>			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNERS NAME: St. John's Parish (Diocese of Maryland)			
STREET AND NUMBER: Md Rte #135			
CITY OR TOWN: Deer Park		STATE: Maryland	CODE
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1+			
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
				Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Our Father's House is a small church constructed of round, dark logs [creosoted ?] with concrete chinking. It is raised above the ground on a simple vertical log base, approximately 2 feet high (the tower has stone supports.) Basically a simple rectangular nave of 1 storey, the church has a small chancel at the 'east' end. There is also a square log tower at the 'south-east' corner of the nave. This is topped by a simple peaked roof and a wood cross. There is an inscribed cross over the 'west' door. The entrance is reached by four wooden steps and there is a simple projected roof forming an entrance porch.

The interior decoration is minimal -- a few religious pictures on the wall -- plus simple pews.

The roof is covered with modern shingling of the asphalt type.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☒15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒ ---

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

[early 20th C ?]

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐lasaphy ☒ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This small chapel is a log version of the mid-19th century Episcopal country parish church. Although simple in the extreme, there is insistence on a definitely articulated chancel at the east end; there is also a modification of the west entrance porch and, most interestingly, a log version of the square 'parish Perpendicular' tower. This type is common enough in stone and in wood, for example Upjohn's board and batten churches (Crownsville and West River, both in Anne Arundel County), but this must be a rare example of the type in log cabin construction.

The church has an attractive setting and was probably built to minister to the summer visitors to the area around Deer Park.

Reportedly, "one of the last log churches in the eastern U.S. still in use. Built at a cost of \$50.00." [postcard]

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rev. Thomas P. Staup, Vicar

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William Morgan	
ORGANIZATION: Department of Art History	DATE: June 1, 1970
STREET AND NUMBER: University of Delaware	
CITY OR TOWN: Newark	STATE: Delaware

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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WILLIAM D. MORGAN



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**OUR FATHER'S HOUSE - (The Log Church)**

A mission of the Episcopal Church, located on Route 135, at the bottom of Backbone Mountain in Garrett County, Md. One of the last log churches in the eastern U. S. still in use. Built at a cost of \$50.00.

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